

September 11th has led to many pronouncements that Americans have come to reaffirm the moral imperatives on which our Nation was founded. But, its aftermath has also shown the immediacy of taking real steps to protect people's lives. Already, Federal authorities have seen a rise in violence against Arab Americans with nearly 5,000 documented incidents and several murders motivated by prejudice. This is in addition to countless acts of violence that are reported every year against African Americans, Asian Americans, Jews, gays and lesbians, and women among other minorities. The facts show that it is time that we enforce a no tolerance policy on acts of hate.

I urge my colleagues to stand up for our Nation's ideals, to stand united against hatred and intolerance, and demand action on this important hate crimes legislation.

IN HONOR OF THE ARMENIAN
EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF HOL-
LYWOOD'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to honor the Armenian Evangelical Church of Hollywood. On November 23, 2002, the church will celebrate its 20th Anniversary and we would like to offer our congratulations and good wishes on this most noteworthy occasion.

The Armenian Evangelical Church of Hollywood, founded in May of 1982, began as a ministry created by the Rev. Abraham Jizmejjan and the Rev. Abraham Chaparian. The Hollywood Pastoral Ministry, as it was designated in the early days of the church, offered church services, fellowship groups, Bible study and a variety of other pastoral services.

In June of 1982, after the current day church had been formed, the church was officially accepted by the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America and from that time, the church has devoutly served its community. Today, the congregation numbers over 250 and is served by a number of church ministries, including Sunday school, men's and women's fellowship, Bible study and youth ministry.

Over the years, the church has always made a special commitment to the youth of its congregation and community. It was from this commitment that the church, nine years ago, founded New Direction For Armenian Youth, to serve at risk youth in church and surrounding areas. The program has helped countless young people and their families in coping with many of the harmful influences that pervade many of our communities.

We ask all Members of Congress to join us in honoring the Armenian Evangelical Church of Hollywood on the church's 20th Anniversary and wish the church many fulfilling days to come.

GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL
RECREATION AREA

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2001

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 941, the Rancho Corral de Tierra Golden Gate Boundary Adjustment Act. This bill contains several provisions that will enhance preservation of our natural and cultural resources in California.

I applaud my colleague from California, Representative LANTOS, for championing the expansion of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in San Mateo County. This bill would add close to five thousand acres to the park, including Rancho Corral de Tierra, one of the largest undeveloped properties on the San Francisco Peninsula and one of the few remaining ranchos from the era of Spanish land grants.

This acquisition, conducted through a public-private partnership, will allow the park service to protect spectacular views, three complete watersheds, and habitat of rare and endangered species and plants.

Of great importance for the future of the park, S. 941 also reauthorizes the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and Point Reyes National Seashore Advisory Commission. The Commission was established thirty years ago to provide for the free exchange of ideas between the National Park Service and the public, and it has ably carried out this mission.

I wish to acknowledge and thank all the members of the Commission for their dedicated service to the GGNRA and public, with special thanks to Chairman Richard Bartke and Vice Chair Amy Meyer. The GGNRA is one of the most complex parks in the country, and its diversity and vibrancy is due in no small part to the efforts of the Advisory Commission.

I look forward to working with Rep. LANTOS, my colleagues on the Resources Committee, and my colleagues in the Senate to ensure that this bill is signed into law before Congress adjourns this year.

AMERICAN FRONTIERS: A PUBLIC
LANDS JOURNEY

HON. CHRIS CANNON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, from Native Americans to Mormon Pioneers to today's western travelers, people have long been captivated by the unique and beautiful landscape of my state. Utah's steep mountains, broad valleys, ancient rock formations and unique natural resources continue to draw visitors and many of my fellow Utahns to our public lands where a wide variety of outdoor activities can be enjoyed.

This coming Saturday, September 28, 2002, Utah and the Nation will celebrate National Public Lands Day. In Salt Lake City, we will welcome a special group of folks that spent the last two months on an incredible expedi-

tion. American Frontiers: A Public Lands Journey, is an educational project bringing the public lands story to life for thousands of school children and interested adults. Two teams of adventurers have been traveling entirely on public lands as they make their way from Canada and Mexico through six states on over 3,000 miles of rivers and trails, following in the pathways of pioneers and acting as modern explorers. American Frontiers has been made possible by a partnership involving dozens of organizations led by National Geographic Society, the U.S. Department of Interior, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, American Honda and the Coleman Company.

These modern explorers have produced wonderful and thoughtful stories about the diversity and value of the lands they traveled through in Utah and other states. I look forward to welcoming these adventurers to my home state on Saturday, and encourage every citizen to embrace the legacy of America's most beautiful lands on that day.

A TRIBUTE TO DARRYL HEUSTIS
FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO
VETERANS

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like today to pay tribute to Dr. Darryl Gordon Heustis, who has made his entire medical career one of service to our Nation's veterans. After 25 years at the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans Administration Medical Center in Loma Linda, California, Dr. Heustis is retiring today as the medical center's chief of staff.

In our modern, fast-paced, mobile world, it's rare to find a homegrown talent who grows up to serve his community as well as Dr. Heustis has in the Inland Empire. A native of Riverside, Darryl Heustis received a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of California, Riverside, and an MD from Loma Linda University. He completed his residency in pathology in 1977 at Loma Linda University Medical Center, and immediately went to work for the nearby Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans Administration Medical Center.

The medical center was newly completed in 1977, and Dr. Heustis became one of the original employees. He served as Director of Laboratories until 1986, and then Chief of Laboratory Service for the next three years. He continued his education even as he worked full time in these jobs, and in 1983 received a masters degree in management from Claremont Graduate School. In 1989 Dr. Heustis was named Vice President of Medical Affairs, and has served as the medical center's chief of staff to this day.

During his career at the medical center, Dr. Heustis has helped ease the transition of the Veterans Administration from a hospital-room oriented facility to one that provides care to most veterans on an outpatient basis. Although the number of beds at the medical center has been reduced from 500 to 97, patient visits have grown to more than 340,000 a year. I applaud Dr. Heustis for meeting the prime responsibility of providing the very best care to our Nation's veterans, while at the